



# Hazelwick School

An Academy

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Dear parent/carer,

We understand that for Muslim students and families, Ramadan is a much anticipated time of reflection, charity and appreciation.

Every year, a significant number of students observe Ramadan and as such we wanted to share with you what is put in place in school:

- Staff in PE and music will accommodate students as much as possible. However, **we cannot withdraw students from lessons**. It is a legal requirement that all subjects contained within the national curriculum are taught; this is a government set agenda and we must follow what is legally required. Staff will try to help students if appropriate and they can take other roles such as being a referee or taking scores if feeling the activity is too much due to fasting. We are impressing on students the need to be respectful about this. **It is essential that students still bring their kit and change for the activity.**
- Staff are aware to be discrete and speak to students confidentially if necessary and also to respect that many students do not fast and to not question them about this.
- Medical staff are aware that students may break their fast if unwell and may offer water. If the student refuses we will contact home to discuss this for parents/carers to make a decision. We are aware of the Islamic obligation for education and that, if feeling unwell, children are allowed to break their fast as they adapt to the discipline of fasting through a time when their bodies are still growing and developing.
- Music will continue in lessons and formal learning activities used for teaching purposes. This includes assemblies and other mentor sessions as part of the students' learning journey. This may also include optional activities relating to the St Catherine's Hospice Enterprise Challenge. This is a student led event that strives to raise money for very worthwhile causes which helps develop students' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education.
- Food technology teachers are aware that fasting students will not be able to taste test food.
- The Prayer Rooms will continue to be accessible for students at lunchtimes. Students cannot leave lessons to pray but may use the designated rooms at lunchtime instead if they wish to.

We thank you for your support in helping to maintain normal school procedures at this time.

With kind regards,

Ms A Fearon  
Headteacher